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THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK

"A formidable array of unpleasant facts," is the summary in the weekly market letter by Henry Clews. The New York banker places much stress on the condition of the corn crop, saying that, if corn improves so that at harvest time there is a good yield, the country may be saved from a depression.

"Should we raise a 3,000,000,000-bushel crop, worth about \$2,-000,000,000 to the farmers," is Mr. Clews' statement, "this will do much toward checking any serious business reaction. On the other hand, even partial failure of the corn crop might invite serious consequences. Another four to six weeks must elapse before corn is fully made. Fortunately, the latest reports are very favorable for a big yield. Wheat, too, has been showing marked recuperative powers from previous damage. All things considered, the crop outlook is mixed and might be better; but still contains some features of positive encouragement.

"Another element of uncertainty is the political situation. Recent events at the West emphasize political discontent and indicate Democratic gains in the election next November. Advices from Washington also suggest the probability of considerable agitation in the early future. The business outlook is not altogether satisfactory. It is now generally recognized that the country has already entered a period of reaction, retrenchment and readjustment. Nothing severe in this direction is expected, but it is generally recognized that the pace has been too fast and that a period of slowing-down is imperative. Conditions in the iron trade, which is usually considered our best trade barometer, confirm these views, Production of pig iron is running at the rate of about 26,000,000 annually, which is 20 per cent below maximum of the year. Prices of iron products show a declining tendency. The copper situation continues perplexing; supplies are increasing to an embarrassing extent, and there seems to be no way of restraining the output except by reducing prices to a level that will force shut-down of the weaker concerns. The textile trades are experiencing a slight improvement, but are still embarrassed by the high cost of raw material, and many mills are idle. Business failures are increasing; the total number reported in July being 1,147, against 1,105 a year ago. More than \$1,-000,000,000 in new securities were issued in the last six months. In July the issues were only about \$62,000,000, compared with \$121,-000,000 a year ago. Railroad earnings continue to show a liberal increase in gross; but a number of the roads are showing startling losses in net since the increase in wages which went into effect on June 1. Plainly railroads must secure better rates of freight, unless they are to cut wages and expenses to a point that would be hazardous. Doubtless many of the roads will inaugurate a policy of rigid economy before very long; something that will neither be relished by labor nor by concerns supplying the railroads with materials and equipment."

According to Clews, the greatest apprehension is not as to crops but as to what the railroads will do. The most important factor in our business affairs is the policy of the railroads. If the big roads concertedly aim at retrenchment in order to punish the American people for adverse legislation or restrain the Interstate Commerce commission from reducing rates, they can make this country a dreary place. The railroads are so powerful that they must be held in restraint by the government and, if that is impossible, they must beame government property.

MORE CITY EXPENSES.

No matter which way we turn, increased salaries and more asfistants are asked for. For the first time in the history of Ogden, the city auditor has asked for a \$5 per day assistant and she is modest enough to say that she wants an assistant to check up the waterworks department, the city recorder's office and the city treasurer's office. When we consider the very competent persons engaged in the auditor's office, we wonder why none of the departments has been checked up. Only a few years ago Mrs. Harriet Emmerson was city auditor and did all the work without assistance whatever. Following her was Mrs. Hattie Brown and for several years she had no assistance whatever, but during the last year of her term in office the city allowed her to appoint an assistant at \$40 per month who worked one hour or two hours in the evening after upper. The present auditor succeeded Mrs. Hattie Brown and she ias received an assistant who gets \$100 per month, who alone should)e able to perform all the duties of the city auditor. But here we and the auditor asking for an assistant at the rate of \$5 per day. The Mayor has promptly vetoed the measure, and in his veto has nuggested that if an assistant is really necessary, the Mayor would tike the honor of appointing that assistant in order to discover why he present auditor's force cannot perform the full duties of the ofice. To this the auditor seriously objects, claiming that she alone is responsible for her assistants. The council has allowed the \$5 per lay, and the end is not yet.

There are three able persons in charge of the recorder's office with an assistant for the license department. There are two persons in the treasurer's office, and there are two persons in the auditor's office. Now is added the \$5 per day assistant. There are practically nine persons engaged to keep the records and books of Ogden City. We do not believe that any mercantile establishment, with the same work to perform, would have over four or five persons doing the

It is remarkable, however, that the former auditor could get along with one or two hours' work in the evening with an assistant at \$40 per month, and now the present auditor has an assistant at \$100 per month and cannot keep up with the work.

There is something wrong and the city council has made a serlous mistake in giving the auditor a \$5 per day assistant. It is an entering wedge for future appeals in the same line.

The little auditing and book-keeping to be performed by the city auditor, and the checking up of the accounts of the various departments, is an easy and pleasant duty and there is no reason why

wo competent persons could not do that and have time to spare. We repeat that the city council is too liberal in turning down the Mayor's veto in reference to salaries and the granting of assist. ants to officers elected to perform their duties,

The city auditor is an estimable young lady, but that fact should not outweigh the fact that Ogden is in need of economy and the city administration cannot afford to grant all that is asked for by the different departments. There must be a check on these demands and as strict an accounting must be exacted as though the councilmen and mayor were transacting their own private business. A little extravagance or undue liberality too often leads to a disregard of all promptings of economy.

The money being poured out from the city treasury is the wealth of the property owners, often drawn from the taxpayers when they are not really able to make the sacrifice. That thought should be constantly before those trusted with the city expenditures.

TO AMUSE AND EDUCATE.

When the Four-State Fair opens on September 23, the people in attendance will be treated to the most pleasing amusement ever presented at a fair in the West. The manager of the exhibition is planning to accomplish something out of the ordinary by presenting attractions which will excel any similar entertainment in all this region. The idea is to make the Ogden annual exposition the most talked of fair in the intermountain country. Gradually that aim is being attained, though not without much patient labor and personal sacrifice on the part of those who are entrusted with the success of

This year an aeroplane is to make flights over the Fair Grounds and it is possible that during the week of amusement an effort will be made by the aviator to reach the top of one of the mighty cliffs to the east of Ogden.

The "Great McHale," aerial artist, has been engaged to perform each day.

The Mazeroff troupe of Russians, singers, instrumentalists and dancers, are the highest priced attraction engaged by any fair and could not have been obtained were Pantages vaudeville circuit ready to accept their services. These foreigners will go from here to the Seattle fair and then play in vaudeville on the Pacific Coast.

Belle Stone, enclosing herself in a steel globe 20 inches in diameter, will ascend a spiral to a vertical height of 25 feet. Her act has not been duplicated except in one of the large circuses.

Don Carlos' dogs and monkeys will afford endless pleasure for

There will be a Midway-a tented city of fun and frolic.

We have presented the different attractions in detail to give our readers some idea of the scope of the work of the fair people in one direction, that of free amusements. And yet these entertainments are but incidental to the exhibition proper, which has to do with the displaying of the products of four states, the gathering and displaying of which involve almost endless labor.

JUST FOR FUN

Sounded Best When Silent. In a railroad office in West Philadelphia there is an old and trusted clerk of Celtic extraction, who keeps associates in a constant state of good humor by an unending series of wittleisms, interspersed occasionally with "bulls" so glaring that even be invariably follows such a "break" on

There was some trouble on the telephone one day recently, and Mike, as he is called among his friends, lost much of his usual good nature in his efforts to get the gist of a message that was being sent from another of fice. The man on the other end of the wire finally became exasperated and asked Mike if he was losing his hearing.

"I can hear you all right until you begin to talk," said Mike, "and then I can't understand a word you say."— Philadelphia Times.

A Big Contract. Winston Churchill, the novelist, de-

realism in fiction, 'To make my meaning clearer," he ended, 'I will take the case of a museum young man and girl—sweethearts. The P The young man, a romanticist, said passionately to the girl:

'Darling, it shall be my life's one purpose to surround you with every comfort, and to anticipate and grant

your every wish. "The girl, a realist, smiled faintly as she answered: "'Oh, Jack, how good of you! And all on \$9 a week, too." "-Success

Once is Enough.

The Sunday school lesson was from that Scripture which teaches that if your brother strikes you on the cheel you should turn the other also and en dure even for seventy times seven Johnny had listened to his teache very attentively while she emphasiz ed this fact, and after the lesson the superintendent rose to make a few

"Now, boys," she said, "how many times ought another boy to strike you before you hit him back?" swered Johnny.

Too Deep For Tears.

The milkman's horse had run away, and the contents of the wagon had been distributed impartially over a territory two blocks long and one street wide.
"No," said the driver, as he survey-

ed the wreck, "I'm not going to do any crying over spilt milk, but—" Thereupon he sat down on the edge of the sidewalk, and his subsequent profanity, according to the testimony everybody within hearing, estab lished a new record.-Chicago Tri-

ILLNESS

"You say you were away from the office yesterday because of illness?" said the stern employer. "Yes," replied the young man who

knew he was discovered, "Several of the umpire's decisions made me sick." -Washington Star.

Human Vanity. "Some women are terribly vain," said the censorious person.

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne, "they re. And by the way, did you ever notice a man who was fixing himself up to have his photograph taken?"-

Some Help. Our "help" she keeps a watchful eye
Upon the pantry shelf; And every time she passes by Our "help" she helps herself. -Harper's Weekly.

CIVIL WAR FRIGATE

New York, Aug. 8.-The frigate Portmouth, one of the last old square what they were saying, but I seem rigged participants in the Civil War to know what was going on. The still afloat, weighed anchor today on ordered all the women to leave the difference between romanticism and the first leg of her last journey. She will shortly sail for Seattle, where she is to be transformed into a naval

> The Portsmouth was built at Portsmouth, N. H., but she was largely manned by the state of Washington and the claim of their descendants was given first call by the federal government, although San Francisco also put in a bld for her, because she took possession of California in the name of the United States. Her journey today was brief.

Until last year, the Portsmouth was kept in commission as a training ship for the New Jersey naval reserves.

RETAILERS GET THE WORST OF THE DEAL

Weekly Settlement Order of Wholesalers Works Great Hardship on Grocers.

The Salt Lake Tribune says: It was anything but a pleasure trip that sixty-three Salt Lake retail gro-cers took to Ogden canyon Sunday, The purpose of the trip was to disearnestly, calmly, and with as little disturbance as possible, the re-cent edict of the wholesalers of the cefty requiring the retail dealer to pay for merchandise purchased from the wholesalers at the end of each week, justead of monthly, as has been done in the past. The new order will go into effect on August 15, and the re tail dealer who fails to settle up every week will be refused any credit whatever by the wholesale houses of the city, and, in that event, may have to

close up business.

The party of retail grocers wen to Ogden and then proceeded by special car to the Hermitage, where the day was spent in serious deliberation. The matter of establishing their own commission house was discussed at length, and it was found that it would require at least \$500 from each of the dealers present to establish such a house, and that was more than many o. the small dealers could raise and lisement for an office girl. Bradfield

leave them enough to carry on their business. So that plan was practically abandoned. Retailers Are Bitter.

The members of the party expressed themselves freely in regard to the new order issued by the wholesalers, and many of them expressed the belief that a number of the smaller dealers would be forced out of business. When at least 90 per cent of the wage-earners of the city are paid only once a month, and, after waiting thir ty days, have to wait ten days longer before they can draw their checks, the grocers believe it is unfair to ask such customers to pay their bills

weekly or expect them to do so.

It was finally decided to endure the injustice for the present at least and to pay the bills weekly. However, a call is being issued for a meeting of all the retail grocers of the state to be held November 5, at which the matter will be discussed on a broad scale and some plan of action dec.ded It has been suggested that a central

exchange be formed, of which retail grocer of the state should be a whereby they sould order by carloads the manufacturer and then distribute the produce from the exchange to the various retailers. This, it is urged, would do away with the middlemen's commission. At any rate, the retailers will do a lote of cheming between now and November 5 in order to fix up some plan to even

A vivid description of the personal experiences of one of the elders who was among those on whom the Prussian police descended while holding a meeting in Berlin on July 21, was covered by the Associated Press. dispatches, is contained in a letter from Elder Rudger Clawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Clawson, to his mother, dated Berlin, July 22, published in the Deseret News. meeting was broken up by the police, and the missionaries were placed in jail for the night, but released next day, with orders to leave the city and not return under penalty of fine and imprisonment. Following is an ex-tract from Elder Clawson's letter: "My Dear Mother-Just a line to

say that I reached Berlin yesterday afternoon, and will leave for Rotterdam in the morning, giving me just a day and a half in one of the finest and most attractive cities in Europe. And alack-a-day! I'm afraid I shall not see Berlin again for a long time to come. This is how it happened: We were holding meeting here in a nice hall with a large attendance of Saints and strangers. The services opened with a spirited song and prayer. A short address was given by one of the elders in German, followed by a quartet of male voices. At this point I was introduced and proceeded to speak in English, Elder Clayton, (son of Nephi Clayton) president of the branch, translating me My text was the principle of sacri-I gave several illustrations show ing that sacrifice brings forth the blessings of heaven. Referring to the Savior, I remarked that he brought to the world a message of love, of peace, of joy, of salvation, and in return was met by a spirit of hatred and persecution

Enter the Police. "Just as I reached this point, the police entered the room and interrupted the meeting. They talked rapidly and excitedly. I didn't know just

men present, the missionaries, some 21 in number, including President Thomas McKay and myself, were ar rested and taken to police headquarters and locked up for the night "So you see my first night in Ber-lin was spent in jail. The one redeeming feature of this experience was a clean bed, otherwise it was extreme-

ly unpleasant, but then you know I'm quite used to that sort of thing; but to those brethren who had never had a similar experience, it came as a 'The following day, after about 18

hours' confinement, we were released and banished from Prussia, being given three days to 'get out.' We can visit other parts of the German empire, but Berlin never, unless the banishment order is rescinded. If we return to this city a pleasant reception awaits us-fine and imprisonment. I am leaving today for Rotterdam.
"We went to jall without supper,

and came away without breakfast or dinner. The prison breakfast I 'passed up. When they handed me a piece of coarse, strong bread and a When they handed me a cup of coffee much resembling dish water, I accepted it, of course, with a smile, but upon closer investigation I was not so hungry as I thought I was. The fare was so repugnant that I already had a feeling of 'fulness,' and walted until I got out of prison be-

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 8.—Miss Lulu Fehlhammer reported to the police today that she was attacked at a platel point last Tuesday night by James B. Bradfield, alias Bradford, a negro, when she went to answer "fake"

TOMORROW



Admission tickets and reserved seats will be on sale circus day at the UTAHNA DRUG CO, at exactly the same prices charged at the regular circus ticket wagons.

was arrested Saturday night while menacing Miss Bessie Unger, after tisement into a building of which he

Bradfield, according to Miss Fehlhammer, held a pistol to her head when she recovered from a faint and made her sign a statement that she visited the office building on her own

The statement was in Bradfield's ockets and attached to It was a lock of Miss Fehlhammer's hair.

OUTSIDE BUYING NOTED ON EASTERN MARKETS

James A. Pollock & Co., bankers received over their private wire yes-

Paine, Webber & Co. letter, Boston; The Boston market continued very arong throughout most of the day with outside buying coming in very freely. Sharp advances were made throughout the list. We still think that the coppers can be bought as the metal situation is fast getting into a strong position. The Copper Producers' report was made at showing an increase of 2 1-4 million The foreign visible supply rounds. 11,000,000 pounds. This should be construed as a bullish factor. government crop report was disap-pointing, but think it has been discounted, as since the first of August rains have fallen in the much needed states, helping out the crop materially. On the announcement this report stocks broke sharply in New York, but rallied toward the close. On any of these dips would take on a few, taking advantage of

rallies to sell out.
Logan & Bryan stock letter, New The market advanced steadily until the government crop figures were published, after which time it became decidedly feverish. The street was rather inclined to look for a higher condition on corn, but the fact that the heavy selling in the last hour was well absorbed and the re-covery so rapid the feeling at the close rather inclined towards optimism. especially as weather reports of late from the southwest have ore satisfactory than There appeared to be moderate dist.ibution on the advance, but the pressure was not of an aggressive character, but at the same time the short interest displayed considerable rervousness. It should be remember ed that we are passing through a critical period with regard to the corn crop, on which great hopes have been based, and, therefore, temporary strength in the security markets

should not be permitted to mislead

with regard to unfilled tonnage, will probably be awaited with interest.

Hornblower letter, Boston: Stocks showed more strength and activity than has been seen for a long time. Traders worked on the long side and for the first time in months there was a good bit of outside buying. here are few stocks for sale, and

although we have had considerable of a rally from the low prices of the year, the best judges still think that the long side is the right one for the long pull, but advise caution on buying after extreme advances, preferring to await weak days which bound to come. The changes for the day ranged from a point to three points in the general what in the late afternoon, the advances were well maintained.

CONDUCTORS ARE TO TALK RATES

closing was steady with a fair de-

Chicago, Aug. 9 .- Passengers travas supposed to have decreased about | eling over many of the leading railroad systems soon may be enter tained en route by dissertations from the conductors and other train emlived from allowing the roads to advance freight rates, if the advice of prominent railway executives to their employes is followed,

It was learned today that a pamphlet is circulating among the forty thousand employes of the Illinois Central appealing to the employes to study the railroad question and discuss it among themselves until they are thoroughly conversant with the actual conditions from the financial view point. Having done this, each aploye is urged to try to conver four men who are now opposed to the railroads.

CARD OF THANKS.

We are truly appreciative of the many acts of kindness extended us during our recent great bereavement in the loss of our son, Bernard J. Kerney, by neighbors and friends. Espec are we grateful to those who comforted us at the funeral services by words and songs and also for the beautiful offerings of flowers, and sincerely trust the Divine Maker may MR. and MRS. M. J. KERNEY. -

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